(क) देश में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान रद्द की गई रेलगाड़ियों की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) इन रेलगाड़ियों को रद्द किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार रद्द की गई इन रेलगाड़ियों को पुनः चालू करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

UGC's Decision to Implement Reservation

3037. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a new-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 25th November, 1996, captioned "Quota policy puts UGC in a spot";

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether the research scholars and the adhoc teachers of University were the worst affected by the UGC's decision;

(c) whether any Cabinet approval was given to UGC or any Act of Parliament passed to implement the "National Reservation Policy";

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present reservation quota which the Central Universities are required to follow in respect of SCs and STs posts of whether candidates belonging thereto are actually available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the Commission at its meeting held on July 31, 1996 considered the status of implementation of reservation policy in favour of SCs/STs in Central Universities and Deemed-to-be-Universities. The decisions arrived at the meeting have been communicated to the Central and Deemed-to-be-Universities by the University Grants Commission, on October 16, 1996 which is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) According to the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission, as periodically reiterated, the Central Universities are required to follow the Reservation Policy laid down by the Government for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Commission has also advised them to launch Special Drive to fill up the unfilled seats reserved for SCs/STs. Since the Reservation Policy has Constitutional mandate, it is required to be followed by Central/Deemed Universities also.

Statement

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
35, FEROZESHAH ROAD,
NEW DELHI-110001.

No. F. 1-8-96(SCT)

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The Registrar,

All Central Universities/Deemed Universities

Subject:-*Implementation of reservation policy for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in Central Universities—Regarding.*

Sir,

At its meeting held on 31st July, 1996 the Commission considered the Status of implementation of the reservation policy in favour of the SCs/STs in Central Universities and Deemed to be Universities maintained by UGC and, interalia, decided as under:—

1. Greater thrust should be given for the implementation of reservations in admissions particularly in the courses in specialised disciplines. This would help in

greater availability of qualified Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes personnel for teaching posts in these disciplines

2. The issue relating to decision to make reservations either discipline-wise, or subject-wise or department-wise, for implementation of the reservation policy, may be left to each university, depending on their size and situation.

3. Special recruitment drive may be launched to fill the teaching and non-teaching reserved positions and the UGC may be intimated about the steps taken by the University. A copy of advertisement, appearing in the various newspapers, should be sent to the UGC. The posts falling vacant should be frozen to initiate enrolment of the SC/ST teachers and staff.

4. Special drive for the admission of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes may be launched immediately. A copy of the advertisement, appearing in the various newspapers, should be sent to the UGC.

5. All Central Universities and Deemed to be universities may be requested to intimate their plan for implementation of reservation policy for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

6. The Universities may be asked to make suitable amendment in their Acts and Statutes for the implementation of the reservation policy for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

The Central Universities/Deemed to be universities are requested to take necessary action keeping in view the decisions taken by the Commission as enumerated above and action taken report sent to UGC, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(R.P. GANGURDE)
Additional Secretary

Promition of Agricultural Mechanisation

3038. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made schemes for the promotion of agricultural mechanisation among small farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to see that the benefits of the scheme reaches the deserving farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Promotion of agricultural mechanisation among Small Farmers' subsidy @30%, limited to Rs. 30,000/- is available to the farmers, groups of farmers, Registered Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Credit Societies, Multi-purpose Agricultural Farming Societies, for the purchase of Small tractors upto 30 Power Take Off Horse Power; along with their matching implements, not exceeding three, in number. The Scheme had been introduced during the year 1992-93 with a Plan allocation of Rs. 34.00 crore. So far, funds to the tune of Rs. 31.468 crore have been released to the States/UTs for subsidising 10489 tractors.

(c) The following steps have been taken to see that the benefits of the Scheme reach the derserving farmers:

(i) 22% of the funds, under the Scheme, have been earmrked for the benefits of the farmers belonging to SC/ST communities;

(ii) safegaurds have been made for maximising the benefits, under the Scheme, to the marginal, small and semi-medium farmers;